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**KORETZ SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO LIMIT LEGISLATIVE INFLUENCE
ON CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

(Sacramento) – The Assembly Natural Resources Committee today passed legislation to address the California Appellate Court decision holding the structure of the California Coastal Commission to be unconstitutional. Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood), a member of the Committee and co-author of AB 2x 1 (Jackson), issued the following statement:

“The Appellate Court's concern about a lack of independence on the Coastal Commission is valid and this bill serves to address their constitutional concerns. The Coastal Commission has suffered from a lack of independence in the past because of the “at will” nature of the appointments by the legislature. This legislation, though very narrow in its scope, will dramatically increase the level of autonomy of the members of the Commission, significantly improving its effectiveness.”

Governor Davis convened a Second Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature last week in order to address the Court's very narrow holding that the allowing the Legislature to appoint and remove a majority (8 of 12) of the commissioners “at will” violates California's separation of powers doctrine.

The bill will now go to the Assembly Floor for consideration.

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